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AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Office Action dated March 7, 2002, entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks are requested.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend the claims as follows:

B1
7. (Amended) A nucleic acid as claimed in claim 5 which encodes a SPASIC variant protein which (i) has ion channel activity, and (ii) comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 80% sequence identity with the full length sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:2.

B2
9. (Amended) A nucleic acid as claimed in claim 7 which is an allelic variant.

B3
16. (Amended) A method of identifying and/or cloning a nucleic acid which encodes a SPASIC variant protein which (i) has ion channel activity, and (ii) comprises an amino acid sequence having at least 80% sequence identity with the full length sequence as shown in SEQ ID NO:2, or a nucleic acid which is capable of hybridizing with the complement of a nucleic acid comprising bases 292-1909 of SEQ ID NO:1 or a degeneratively equivalent sequence thereof under high stringency conditions of 0.1 x

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RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER

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Independent claims after amendment	5	minus highest number	\$	0.00
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